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Why the shutdown isn't stopping the monthly inflation report



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The Consumer Price Index for September will publish Oct. 24 despite the government shutdown, the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) announced Friday.

Why it matters: Resuming the release demonstrates the political power of Social Security — the CPI is crucial to determining Social Security's annual cost of living adjustment, known as COLA.

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- Federal law requires the Social Security Administration to calculate the cost of living adjustments and publish information about those increases before Nov. 1, a White House official [told Axios](#) Thursday.

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- Thursday night, a government official [told Axios](#) some BLS employees would be called back to work so the CPI report could be produced.